



CORONA CELEBRATES HISTORY WITH AN ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

CORONA, CA— The City of Corona is dedicated to continually adding to its urban forest of more than 61,000 trees, keeping Corona a beautiful place to live. This year the City of Corona will be celebrating Arbor Day in historic fashion, and we hope to spring history to life as we plant a tree that been grafted with a cutting from one of Corona's oldest lemon trees.

When Corona was founded in 1886 there was a sense of urgency to plant orange trees, as it would take 4 to 5 years for the trees to grow to maturity and yield returns on their investments. As time progressed the citizens learned that because Corona's climate was so great they could make more profit growing lemons due to less competition and more abundant growth cycles. It was for this reason that more and more Corona growers switched to lemon trees and Corona became known as the "Lemon Capital of the World". Corona was once home to more than 7,500 acres of citrus which produced 30,000 cases of fruit daily. While lemon and other citrus trees are largely a part of Corona's past, a few acres of fruit can still be found around town. Some of the trees date back to the early days of the community's citrus success.

When early Corona pioneer A.J. Ware built his house on Main Street in 1892, he also planted a lemon tree in his backyard. Ware's house is still standing and thankfully the current homeowners, the McCarroll family, have graciously given permission for a portion of the 1892 lemon tree to be grafted and planted in the City of Corona's [Joy Park](#).

With help from the Eagle Scouts, local historians, and the Corona Parks Foundation, this commemorative event will be held Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m. at Joy Park, located at Joy Street and East Grand Boulevard. We invite you to join us as we take this opportunity to cherish our rich history.

For more information about Arbor Day, please call the Library and Recreation Services Department at 951-736-2241.

About the City of Corona: Corona is located adjacent to Orange County California at the junction of the 91 and 15 freeways with a population of more than 160,000 residents. For more information regarding the City of Corona visit www.CoronaCA.gov.

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